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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 07-May-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 05/07/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/30/05
Broiler/fryer	168,339	164,965
Light hens	1,763	1,759
Heavy hens	1,475	1,350

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 30-Apr-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	289	0	289
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	232	0	232
Same week yr ago	277	0	277
To-date/2005	4,944	18	4,962
To-date/2004	4,194	52	4,246

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	2,004	1,437	3,441
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,883	1,466	3,349
Same week yr ago	1,576	1,385	2,961
To-date/2005	31,039	22,744	53,783
To-date/2004	26,251	21,657	47,908

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 30-Apr-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	162,731	1,715	1,437	3,152
Avg Wt	5.46	3.24	8.02	5.42
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	161,112	1,651	1,466	3,117
Same wk yr ago	157,894	1,299	1,385	2,684
Avg Wt	5.30	3.35	8.24	5.87
To-date/2005	2,671,507	26,095	22,726	48,821
To-date/2004	2,610,991	22,057	21,605	43,662

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 164.7 million head or 1.4 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 23-Apr-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	28,432	19,382	53,241
Avg Weight	3.74	4.71	6.40
% of total /1	28%	19%	53%
Last week	27,465	18,311	53,607
Avg Weight	3.69	4.62	6.31
% of total /1	28%	18%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,951	20,023	48,392
Avg Weight	3.60	4.80	6.29
% of total /1	29%	21%	50%
To date/2005	442,045	332,424	771,641
To date/2004	419,494	350,330	705,710

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 30-Apr-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,677	2,689	44	9	4,419
Avg Wt	16.54	37.71	22.07	31.46	29.51
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,646	2,639	15	1	4,301
Same wk yr ago	1,753	2,524	27	1	4,305
Avg Wt	15.97	37.93	26.01	27.03	28.91
To-date/2005	26,484	42,983	414	59	69,940
To-date/2004	28,806	42,018	754	124	71,702

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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